Travel Expenses

If you or other family members need to travel from out of town to attend the funeral, you may be able to obtain discounted airfares, called bereavement fares. Contact your airline for more details. You may be required to produce a death certificate or obituary to obtain the fare or else you may have to pay full fare up front and apply for a credit if you do not have documentation when booking the fare

Death Certificate

The funeral home will assist you in getting certified copies of the death certificate which you will need for various legal purposes. If you need additional copies within 30 days of death, they can be obtained through Montgomery County Office of Vital Records, 2000 Dennis Ave., Silver Spring, (240) 777-1757. After 30 days, they can be obtained through the Maryland Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene, Div. of Vital Records, 6550 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore, MD 21215, 800-832-3277.

Social Security Death Benefits

You will need to report your loved one's death to the Social Security Administration. You may also be eligible to receive death and survivor benefits through SSA. Contact them at 800-772-1213.

Wills and Estates

Whether or not your loved one had a will, you may need to contact the court to open an estate, if your loved one owned any real or personal property (including vehicles), so that this property can be properly transferred to the survivors. For more information or assistance, either contact your attorney or the County Register of Wills at (240) 777-9600.

Grief Support

During this difficult time for you and your family, you may find that you need additional support in your grief. Please communicate with your victim advocate about your needs. There are many counseling and support groups options available to you and your family. If you find that you are in need of immediate assistance, contact the County Crisis Center at (240) 777-4000. They are available 24 hours a day.

The Victim Assistance and Sexual Assault Program is available to help those who have lost a loved one due to homicide. They can be reached at (240) 777-1355. Other resources and support groups include the following:

Hospice Caring, Inc.: (301) 869-4673; runs various support groups throughout the county; www.hospicecaring.org

Compassionate Friends: for those who have lost a child (of any age), 1-877-969-0010, www.compassionatefriends.org

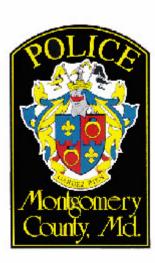
Further Assistance

Please contact your police department victim services coordinator if you have any questions or problems.

Victim Coord.:	
Phone:	
Case #:	
Investigator:	
Phone:	

Montgomery County Police Department

Victim Services Unit



To assist you in dealing with the death of your loved one

Making Funeral Arrangements for Your Loved One

Contact a funeral home of your choice; the funeral director will meet with you and your family to discuss the arrangements. If your loved one has been taken to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME), the funeral home can take care of contacting them to arrange for your loved one to be transferred to the funeral home. If an autopsy was performed and you want a copy of the results, contact the OCME at (410) 333-3250.

If you need financial help to pay for funeral services, there are several options:

- 1. Dept. of Health and Human Services Burial Assistance Program (HHS). Total funeral expenses cannot exceed \$1500; HHS will grant up to \$650 towards total expenses, family must pay remainder. Montgomery County DSS offices are located at 1301 Piccard Dr., Rockville, (240) 777-1101; 8818 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, (240) 777-3075; and 12900 Middlebrook Rd., Germantown, (240) 777-3420.
- 2. Victim Assistance and Sexual Assault Program Compensation, 1301 Piccard Dr., Rockville, (240) 777-1355. Income eligible applicants may receive up to \$2500 to assist with funeral expenses if loved one was a victim of a homicide.
- 3. Maryland Criminal Injuries
 Compensation Board, 6776 Reisterstown
 Rd., Suite 312, Baltimore, 21215, 1-888-6799347. Applicants may receive up to \$5000 towards funeral expenses if loved one was a victim of a homicide. No income eligibility requirements.

Funeral Homes

Muriel H. Barber Funeral Home P.O. Box 5038 Laytonsville, MD 20882 (301) 948-3500

Francis J. Collins Funeral Home 500 University Blvd West Silver Spring, MD 20901 (301) 593-9500

Danzansky-Goldberg Memorial Chapel 1170 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20850 (301) 340-1400

Devol Funeral Home 10 East Deer Park Drive Gaithersburg, MD 20877 (301) 948-6800

Hilton Funeral Home 22111 Beallsville Rd. Barnesville, MD 20838 (301) 349-2135

Hines-Rinaldi Funeral Home, Inc. 11800 New Hampshire Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20904 (301) 622-2290

Olin L. Molesworth Funeral Home P.O. Box 117 26401 Ridge Road Damascus, MD 20872 (301) 253-2138

Pope Funeral Home 11315 Lockwood Drive Silver Spring, MD 20904 (301) 754-6400

Robert A. Pumphrey Funeral Home 300 West Montgomery Avenue Rockville, MD 20850 (301) 762-3939

7557 Wisconsin Avenue Bethesda, MD 20814 (301) 652-2200

RAPP Funeral and Cremation Services 933 Gist Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301) 565-4100

Philip D. Rinaldi Funeral Service 9241 Columbia Blvd Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301) 585-4050

Edward Sagel Funeral Direction 1091 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20852 (301) 217-9400

Simple Tribute 1040 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20850 (301) 545-0960

Snowden Funeral Home 246 North Washington Avenue Rockville, MD 20850 (301) 762-2500

Veterans Affairs

Contact the VA at 1-800-827-1000. They will pay up to \$300 towards burial expenses (for nonservice-related deaths). Must apply and have copy of military separation documents.

In addition to Arlington National Cemetery, there are several veterans' cemeteries throughout Maryland where loved ones can be buried. If you wish to have funeral with military honors, your funeral director will contact the appropriate service to make arrangements.